

Docket No. 0010-1057-0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshihiro USUDA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/441,055

FILED: November 16, 1999

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-METHIONINE BY FERMENTATION



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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1652"

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

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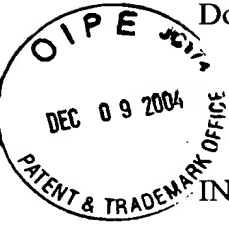
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 8 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this response.